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CORRECTION:

The September 21 issue of The Colonnade contained an error. The GC in DC article was incorrect by stating that students would not pay traditional tuition fees. Students participating in the GC in DC will be responsible for standard GC tuition fees.

Debatewatch 2016: Clinton & Trump face off GC holds debate viewing party on Front Campus

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More than 230 Georgia College faculty, staff and students gathered on Front Campus on Sept. 26 to watch the first presidential debate of the 2016 election season. Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump clashed during their first face-to-face meeting since the beginning of the election season.

Event coordinators from the Rhetoric Program and the American Democracy Project streamed PBS Newshour's coverage of the debate, which was moderated by NBC anchor Lester Holt.

The first segment of the debate focused on job creation, trade policy and taxes. Laughter ensued

among the attendees as the candidates attacked each other's financial records.

"I feel like it's more of a comedy show than a debate," said Oliver Adlam, physics major, junior and Donald Trump supporter. "They're just rattling each other."

The second segment concentrated on race relations within the United States, particularly between members of the police and the African-American community.

"I feel like Hillary is doing well," said Matthew Sampson, French major, sophomore and Clinton supporter. "But I feel like she's letting Donald Trump get a hold of her anger, which is kind of petty to me."

The crowd participated vocally throughout the

course of the debate. Trump's call for Clinton to release her missing emails was greeted with cheers and boos from students. A few moments later, however, that same group applauded Clinton's assertion that guns should be kept out of the hands of those who plan to use them for harm.

"They're trying so hard to be against each other," said early childhood education major, Isabelle Genut, freshman, who is unsure whom she supports. "They're wanting to be opposite choices of each other."

Clinton and Trump agreed on a few issues, however. During the third segment's discussion of cyber security, both candidates agreed that America could do more to protect its cyber interests.



Tori Gleeson/ Staff Photographer

Community members viewed PBS's live stream of the debate.

Similarly, during the debate's fourth and final segment, both candidates agreed that the use of nuclear weapons should be approached with caution.

Lasting more than an hour and a half, the debate provided viewers with an unfiltered look at how each candidate responds under pressure.

"Here it is, another historic election," said Janet Hoffman Clark, rhetoric professor. "I love that we have this memory to share."

Milledgeville survives rising gasoline prices

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Gas stations in Milledgeville are pulling through the recent threat to their supply, continuing to provide fuel to residents of Baldwin County and the surrounding area.

"We are wide open as always," said Rhonda Prosser, a Bp sales associate in downtown Milledgeville, when asked if the rise in gas prices has affected the Bp's business.

Retail gasoline prices have risen significantly in the last two weeks due to a ruptured pipeline in Alabama. A major Colonial

Pipeline gas line that runs from Mississippi to Georgia and supplies nearly 40 percent of the east coast's gas ruptured in Shelby County, Alabama.

Some GC students do not consider the current price of gas to be a cause for concern.

"The gas prices really aren't affecting me too much. If they rise, that could really take a chunk out of my wallet," said Quentin Blackburn, senior. Price hikes in any commodity are usually due to supply and demand issues. In this case, the supply chain was disrupted, creating a shortage at the local gas stations. The

rising prices are a reflection of this.

In response, many citizens, concerned that they would be unable to obtain gas if they ran out later in the week, hurried to local gas stations as soon as they heard about the crisis. People with partially full tanks rushed to fill up over the weekend, depleting the already low supply at many filling stations.

Governors of several southern states have put gauging laws in place so that prices cannot go up any more. Retailers are allowed to raise prices a reasonable amount, but when it becomes exorbitant, they can be fined and in

some cases shut down due to state regulations.

"The extra money I'm spending on gas is the money I could be spending on my after-bar chicken biscuit," said graduate student Kwame Harleston.

Workers at the rupture site have constructed a bypass line that will supply the southeastern United States with gas while they work to repair the main line.

"Hopefully by the end of the week gas prices should go back down and everything should go back to normal, but it's not guaranteed," said Golden Pantry manager Tevin Jones.



Ada Montgomery/ Senior Photographer

Area gas prices have gone up 15-20 percent.

Physics professor brings first patent to GC

Dr. Ken McGill created a new way to measure fluid in pipelines

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Georgia College has received its first patent, thanks to years of persistence and research by Dr. Ken McGill, a professor in the Department of Chemistry, Physics and Astronomy. McGill has been working for over two decades to measure the flow of liquid in pipelines using acoustics.

This summer, the United States Patent and Trademark Office issued a patent to McGill for his passive system of measuring the amount of liquid in a pipe, known as a flow meter.

Dr. McGill's original work on the patent was

based on a model that required the use of two microphones and the sending of sound waves down a pipeline from opposite ends. This system worked in theory, however, its implementation led to complications because that model allowed other loud sounds to drown out the pipeline's useful noises.

The new patented model, labeled the "conduit bound propagation separation model," involves taking a multitude of microphones and placing them at increments along the pipeline. Instead of receiving a one-time concussive sound, the microphones utilize the sounds that are already present.

The interiors of



Photo courtesy of GC Communications

The new system uses the sounds already in the pipe to measure the flow of the fluid inside.

pipelines are extremely loud and the microphones measure this innate rumble down the length of the pipe. This technique is different from any other system of its

kind because it takes into account the pipe's diameter.

McGill explained how his method is different from a competing model that already has a patent for a

similar process.

"They built a toothbrush with two bristles, we built a toothbrush with a whole bunch of bristles," McGill said in reference to his competition. It sounds elementary, but the addition of more bristles allowed Dr. McGill and his students to uncover their new technique.

During the process, the team also disproved Baron Raleigh's 139-year-old theory of sound after investigating discrepancies in their data.

Dr. McGill's technique of fluid measurement is entirely passive, which means that collecting the data does not require the pipeline to be opened or halted for installation. The prospect of not having to bore a hole in a functioning

pipeline is very attractive for companies who stand to lose millions in the event of a spill.

"Dr. McGill's patent demonstrates that groundbreaking science is a vital element of the Georgia College liberal arts mission," Dr. Proctor, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said in an interview.

This patent proves a lot about GC, but in the grand scheme of things, this discovery is much bigger.

"Not only is it incredible to disprove a 139-year-old theory and give the school its first patent, but it really puts Georgia College on the map as an up and coming leader in undergraduate research," said physics major, Tristan Cabrera, senior.



Photo courtesy of GC Communications

Dr. Ken McGill worked for over 20 years to develop a new method of measurement using audio.

Changes to FAFSA affect student finances

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The U.S. Department of Education has recently implemented two major changes regarding the FAFSA, or Free Application for Federal Student Aid. These changes do not pertain to the document itself, but rather when and how students will go about filing it.

The first of these changes concerns the day students can begin the process of filing their FAFSA. In the past, the FAFSA application has opened each year on Jan. 1 for students. Access to the FAFSA will now be

available on Oct. 1.

The second change made is that students, or their parents, will now submit their prior tax returns instead of the previous year's tax return.

"Instead of taking the previous year's tax information and using that information for your FAFSA, you're using the year before. For example, for the 2015-2016 school year, you used your 2014 tax return. For the 2016-2017 school year, we're going to use your 2015 tax return, but then starting next year, we will use the prior, meaning that for the 2017-2018 school year we would again use your 2015

tax return," said a student worker at the Financial Aid Office, Mallory Sage. "Overall, this change will be really helpful to students because they will be able to turn in their information sooner."

This overlap in the use of 2015 tax returns will only occur the first year of implementation. In preparation for these changes, the Financial Aid Office is currently devising both a communications plan and a processing plan. The communications plan is in place to ensure students and their parents are adequately informed and understand the changes being made. The processing

plan consists of making sure the Financial Aid Office is aware of any changes that need to be made to the actual awarding process, along with how and when they're going to notify students of their eligibility.

"It is Financial Aid's goal to ensure ways of thoroughly communicating this information to students and provide clarity when we're communicating in the hopes of not causing any alarm, because there really isn't a need for any," said Associate Director of Financial Aid, Shannon Simmons.

This new process will not come without barriers, however, according to

Director of Financial Aid, Cathy Crawley.

"One thing that is going to be tough for Georgia College and other USG institutions is the fact we do not know the actual cost of tuition until late spring. The earlier application opening date will potentially allow Financial Aid to begin making initial awards for the 2017-2018 school year in mid-November to early December. In saying that, I don't know how good of an idea we're going to have about the cost of housing and meal plans," Crawley said. "So we are going to call this period a forecasting time and then at the typical time we would be giving

early estimates, we will do that again. We will then do the final estimate in May."

Financial Aid also plans on updating their website with a section for frequently asked questions, along with having a table at Fall Fest to help in informing incoming freshmen about the changes to the FAFSA. Returning students can expect to receive information in the coming months through email.

"I encourage students that are reading anything or getting anything from us and have specific questions to call us, come by, or email us so we can help you with your questions," Crawley said.

CHANGES TO THE FAFSA® PROCESS FOR 2017–18

SUBMIT A FAFSA EARLIER:

Students will be able to submit a 2017–18 FAFSA as early as Oct. 1, 2016, rather than beginning on Jan. 1, 2017. The earlier submission date will be a permanent change, enabling students to complete and submit their FAFSAs as early as October 1 every year. (There is NO CHANGE to the 2016–17 schedule. The 2016–17 FAFSA became available Jan. 1, 2016.)

USE EARLIER INCOME AND TAX INFORMATION:

Beginning with the 2017–18 FAFSA, students will report income and tax information from an earlier tax year. For example, on the 2017–18 FAFSA, students (and parents, as appropriate) will report their 2015 income and tax information, rather than their 2016 income and tax information.

Here's a summary of key dates for submitting the FAFSA depending on when you plan to go to school:

IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND COLLEGE FROM	YOU WILL SUBMIT THIS FAFSA	YOU CAN SUBMIT THE FAFSA FROM	USING INCOME AND TAX INFORMATION FROM
July 1, 2016–June 30, 2017	2016–17	January 1, 2016–June 30, 2017	2015
July 1, 2017–June 30, 2018	2017–18	October 1, 2016–June 30, 2018	2015
July 1, 2018–June 30, 2019	2018–19	October 1, 2017–June 30, 2019	2016

Study abroad fair highlights service potential

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The Georgia College International Education Center invited numerous explorers, innovators and potential travelers to last week's Opportunities Abroad Fair.

As students gathered around the various tents, each representing a different country that one could attend, they asked questions and explored their curiosities. A variety of organizations attended in hopes of convincing students to take a leap into a different country and impact the world in a way only possible for students.

The most popular table at the event belonged to the Peace Corps, a "no-feed" government agency

that allows student to travel around the world to build their resume. Grant Mathews, a Peace Corps representative, shared his organization's values and the merit inherent in volunteering overseas,

"This program is definitely the super program for study abroad because it's 27 month program, where students live in an integrated area and perform developmental work in one of 60 countries of their choosing," Mathews said. The Peace Corps has a program for every major, and the necessary requirements are 30 hours of volunteer service and an undergraduate degree.

Although many students would love to book a plane ticket and tour faraway destinations

like Europe, not every student can afford it. Jenny Franklin, a Financial Aid representative, said that Georgia College recognizes that study abroad programs are expensive but has created multiple scholarships to make their student's dream become a reality.

"I encourage students to come meet with us and their advisors to weigh out their options, because a lot of students don't think to come to us about application deadlines and we can easily sit down with them and discuss that," Franklin said.

With a variety of programs from which to choose, often the only obstacle between a student and study abroad is the courage to take

that international step. For students who wish to expand their horizons and experience different cultures, study abroad is an way to effectively accomplish those goals.

"The biggest thrill of study abroad is the cultural inversion that I got while I studied abroad," said Andrew Wright, a senior who recently studied abroad in Costa Rica. "I saw and learned the ins and outs of Costa Rica, and what it meant to work within a host family."

Students interested in learning more about study abroad opportunities can visit the International Education Center, located in the Bone House on S. Clarke St., or visit their website at www.gcsu.edu/international.



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Students connected with group representatives.

How to prepare for career and internship fairs

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At some point in college, every student has to look for a job or an internship. The good news is that career fairs make it easy to connect with many employers at the same time.

Although career fairs are a great opportunity, they can be intimidating experiences. However, facing your fears head-on is the best way to conquer them. No matter your major or grade level, career fairs are an excellent opportunity to network, explore

employment options and find a great internship or job.

To get the most out of these events, you must prepare ahead of time. Here are four simple ways to get ready for any career fair so that you can reach your goals.

First, review the list of employers that are attending the event, so you can update and tailor your resume accordingly. If the career fair is hosted by GC, the Career Center's Career Connection will have a list of employers attending. You will want to bring plenty of copies of

your resume to pass out to employers as you network. The best way to do this is to have a padfolio to keep your resume and other materials handy, such as business cards or a notepad.

Worried that your resume isn't ready? Visit the Career Center for a resume review, so that your resume will impress employers.

Next, learning to network takes practice. Before any career fair, you will want to rehearse what you will say when you walk up to an employer's table. Your introduction should be about 30 seconds, explain

who you are, a little about your background or your interests and what you are pursuing. This is the perfect way to introduce yourself to employers.

Also, dress for success. For women, wear a pant suit, skirt suit or dress with a blazer. Nothing should be too tight and skirts/dresses should be fingertip length. Make sure your blouse or shirt is not low-cut and wear heels of an appropriate height. For men, wear dress pants, a dress shirt, sport coat, tie, belt and dress shoes. Boat shoes do NOT equal dress shoes and your socks should match the

color of your pants.

Finally, as you meet different employers at the event and are passing out your resume, don't forget to ask recruiters for a business card or their contact information. This is important because you will want to follow up with them after the event, especially if you are excited about the opportunity.

In a follow-up email, you should thank them for coming to the fair and taking the time to talk with you. You should also attach an additional electronic copy of your resume. This is the perfect way to

make a final memorable, professional impression, reminding the employer of your skills and interests. If the employer instructed you to apply online, make sure you do so in a timely manner.

Ready to try out a career fair? The Career Center is hosting the Fall Career & Internship Expo on Oct. 5 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Magnolia Ballroom. More than 50 employers will be on campus looking to hire GC students for full-time, part-time and internship opportunities.

SGA holds first senate meeting of the year

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One of the Georgia College Student Government Association's time honored traditions is the annual holding of their first official senate meeting at Milledgeville City Hall, before moving back into the SGA offices on campus for the rest of the semester.

The meeting started with roll call, then the senators went right into work. Mike Muller, the President Pro Tempore, explained SGA's first meeting and the week's agenda.

"The first senate session is always at city hall," Muller said. "We had three new bills put on the docket. Hopefully, we're going to be passing them next week."

The senators started the meeting with the PPT elections that Muller won, then looked over the proposed bills. The bills introduced to the senate are rejected or passed and then go to the student body for a referendum.

"A lot of the things that aren't funding are going to be resolutions," Senator Krackenberger said.

The senators went through a checklist of orders, from roll call and pledging to the first committee reports on academic affairs, appropriations, the Student Travel Fund, Rules and Oversight and student services. Senators also focused on campus issues, including diversity, civic engagement, wellness and safety.

"We included an

amendment to the constitution, changing the nondiscrimination policy to be more inclusive," Senator Lord said.

Lord is on the community wellness committee and she said that she has already decided her goals for the semester.

"We're talking about improving participation at the gym and getting people more active," Lord said. "We're expanding SNAP. We're making it safer at night for students."

Muller said he hopes SGA will be able to increase overall participation on campus. Senator Altimease Lowe described SGA's plans to do that.

"Some of the ideas we came up with are handing out Stacked coupons, trying to get Thunder out on campus every Bobcat

Friday, to get people pumped about blue and green," Lowe said.

Krackenberger finished the recap by commenting on the state of the Student Emergency Fund.

"The Student Emergency Fund committee is trying to get more funds by doing a spirit night with local restaurants, right now we're just calling businesses and working that out," Krackenberger said.

From now on, SGA will hold its meetings in the Maple conference room above its offices in Magnolia Hall. SGA meets every Friday to discuss campus business and are always open to receive students' comments in person at their offices or online through Orgsync.

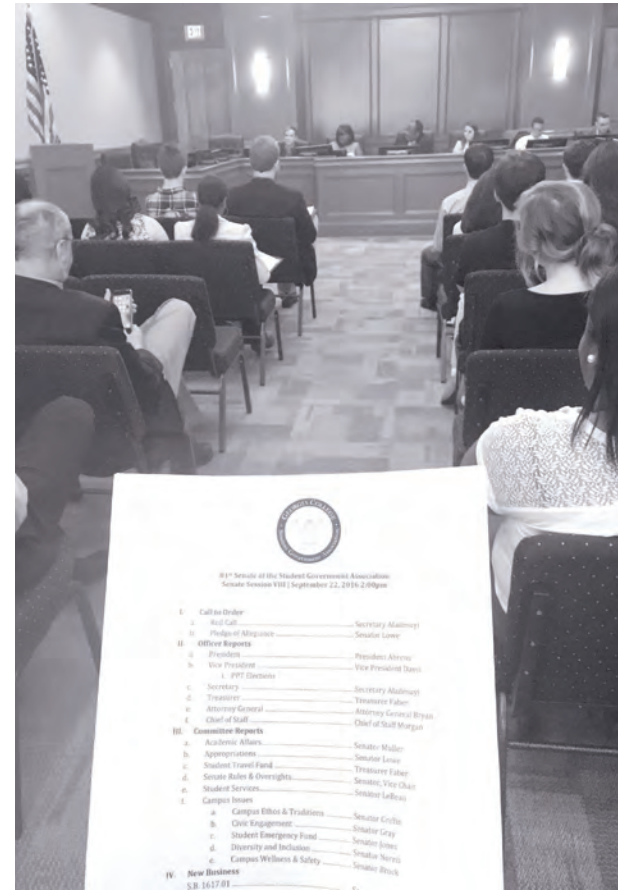


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The first senate meeting convenes in Milledgeville's historic City Hall.



Take it out on the posts

Obtained from Milledgeville Police Department

Two male students were placed under arrest on Sept. 14 for public drunkenness and the underage possession of alcohol. The students captured the attention of Officer Powell when they ran towards a GC dorm hall yelling. The male students began kicking and pulling up several wooden posts around the building. After making contact with the students, Officer Powell asked if they had been drinking that night. Though the students admitted to being underage, they denied having consumed alcohol. One student gave a breath sample, scoring a 0.057 BAC. The other student refused consent. Officer Powell placed both students under arrest and transported them to jail for processing. The case was sent to Student Judicial.

An alarming giveaway

Obtained from Milledgeville Police Department

Officer Osborne was dispatched to a GC residence hall on Sept. 16 at 10 p.m., in response to a panic alarm. When arriving on the scene, Officer Osborne noticed the odor of burnt marijuana coming from inside the room. When no one opened the door, Officer Osborne entered the apartment. She searched the room and noticed that the suite mate's light was on. The suite mate and his friend denied knowing where the other residents were and said everything was fine. Sergeant Smith arrived on the scene. When speaking with the students, Sergeant Smith noticed one individual could barely keep his eyes open, had slurred speech and seemed disoriented. The two individuals admitted to having smoked marijuana that evening. One individual was a student and the other was not. The student was informed that he would be sent to Student Judicial and the non-student was given a criminal trespassing warning.

Under arrest

Obtained from Milledgeville Police Department

On Sept. 14 at 11 p.m., Officer Osborne was patrolling downtown when she noticed a man and woman sitting on a bench. The woman began to stumble as she tried to walk after the man helped her stand up. Officer Osborne made contact with the couple, later identified as GC students, and noticed the woman's slurred speech and the odor of alcohol on her breath. When asked how many drinks she had consumed that night, the woman responded that she had "a couple of drinks." To this, the male student added that his friend had consumed a bottle of wine and confessed to drinking himself. The students admitted to being under 21-years-old. When asked about having fake I.D.s the couple denied possessing them. The male student removed his wallet upon the officer's request, revealing his fake I.D. Osborne asked the female student to consent to a breath test, which she denied. Officer Osborne wrote the male student a citation for underage possession of alcohol and placed the female student under arrest for public drunkenness, and underage possession of alcohol. After being searched, the female's fake I.D. was found. She was transported to Milledgeville's Police Department for processing and both I.D.s were confiscated.

Phi Mu hosts Peach State Pride Bowl



Photos courtesy of Monica Klinkmueller

A team competing in Saturday's Second Annual Peach State Pride Bowl huddles up to discuss strategy before their game.

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On Sept. 24, Phi Mu hosted their second annual Peach State Pride Bowl, a flag football tournament that raised money for Children's Healthcare, Navicent Health in Macon. This is one of the many hospitals that Children's

Miracle Network Hospitals supports and all the funds that were raised went directly to CMN.

"Last year during recruitment, our president got a call from one of the founders of Peach State Pride telling us about his idea to have a flag football tournament," junior member, Ansley Jones said. "He was a Georgia College

alum so he wanted to have the tournament here, because he was familiar with intramurals here, the city and just everything about Georgia College."

Peach State Pride, a well-known southern clothing company that specializes in T-shirts, hats and other accessories, originally had the idea of hosting a tournament to

raise money for CMN.

Phi Mu and Peach State Pride saw huge success at last year's tournament, so the pair decided to make it an annual event.

"Honestly, Georgia College and Milledgeville are two of my favorite places in the world. I love everything about the city, so I think it is important that Phi Mu and other organizations have events that really bring people together," Jones said. "We have one of the best intramural flag football teams playing, but then

we also have a team from sororities. It's just fun to know that we are having an event that is for anyone and everyone."

With a men's and women's bracket, the tournament recruited 12 teams. The tournament started with round robin pool play, guaranteeing each team two games before progressing in single elimination.

"I want this event to send the message to people that no matter what you are involved in or what your passions are, we can all

come together to support each other and have fun while doing it," Jones said.

The pair has raised awareness for Children's Miracle to the tune of roughly \$3,600 from this year's tournament. Participants spent the day playing flag football and having fun all while supporting a worthy cause.

"The whole day was a lot of fun and I loved it because it was all for the kids. I would totally do it again next year," freshman participant and Phi Mu, Morriah Mackey said.



Photo courtesy of Monica Klinkmueller

Participants compete in a flag football tournament hosted by Phi Mu.

ATHLETIC PERFORMANCE OF THE WEEK

Sophomore Connor King finished third in his division at the Adaptive World Championship held in Paris from Sept. 12 to Sept. 16. King qualified for the event after finishing second in the Adaptive National Championship in July.

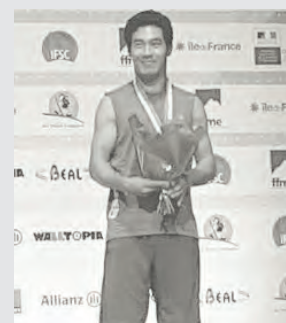


Photo courtesy of Connor King

He was the only USA climber to medal in his division. USA finished fourth in the event with one gold and one bronze medal across the events. King will compete again in the 2017 Adaptive Nationals in Boston, Massachusetts.

Baseball's Spinner elected to SGA Senate

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In the recent SGA Senate elections, sophomore left-handed pitcher Bradley Spinner won a seat in the Senate and is now handling the responsibilities of both a student athlete and a SGA Senator.

"I felt like running for

SGA Senate would not only allow me to improve skills for my future profession, but I would also get to help enhance both the student and student athletic experience here at Georgia College," Spinner said. "I feel like athletes weren't represented well in the past. I'm the only athlete in the Senate right now, so I would be able to give athletics a voice and show other Senate members what

athletics is all about."

Spinner is part of two committees within the Senate, Appropriations and Ethos. The Appropriations committee assigns each Senator a Recognized Student Organization (RSO) and the Senator is responsible for representing that RSO and working with them to get the funding they need. The Ethos committee focuses on school spirit and increasing student attendance at athletic events.

"I want to make Georgia College a better place, I want to enhance the student athlete experience here and I want to make a big impact," Spinner said. "I'm going to give it 100 percent effort and hopefully I can have some positive results."

Being a student athlete gives Spinner a different perspective from other Senators, though he is not planning on solely focusing on enhancing the relations between students and the athletic department. In fact, Spinner has a variety of

ideas regarding school spirit and school traditions.

"I really want to put some effort into coming up with new traditions on campus," Spinner said. "For example, I think that Bobcats Fridays, where everyone is supposed to wear blue and green on Fridays, isn't executed as well as it could be. I'd like to change that and maybe even come up with some new traditions for our students."

Coach Eller thinks that despite his busy schedule, Spinner will have no issues fully dedicating himself to both the baseball team and the Senate.

"He's going to instill his love for Georgia College. He takes a lot of pride in what we're doing as a university and as an athletic department, so I think he's going to be a breath of fresh air," Eller said. "I have seen his leadership skills firsthand on the baseball field and on our pitching staff. He has a very loud voice and he carries a very big stick."

Athletic director,

BRADLEY SPINNER



Photo courtesy of GC Communications

YEAR: SOPHOMORE

MAJOR: BIOLOGY

POSITION: PITCHER

2015 STATS

W/L: 3-0

G/GS: 16/4

IP: 35 1/3

SO: 22

BB: 6



Photo courtesy of Lisa Benson

Bradley Spinner executes a pitch to the plate.

Wendell Staton, thinks that Bradley's mentality is something the Senate will greatly benefit from.

"To me, it's just like our government in the United States, you've got different pockets and different segments throughout the country with different populations, and a lot of diversity," Staton said. "I think the same level of diversity is important to have in any government situation and Bradley would be the first student athlete we've had in a few years to be on the Senate."

Part of the reason why athletes are so rarely involved with the Senate is due to their demanding schedule filled with games, practices and events. Staton, however, seems confident that Spinner will be able to handle both his baseball and Senate schedule.

"Bradley is special. He's one of the people who can juggle multiple things and do them all well, and I don't have any doubts that he will be successful in all facets," Staton said.

Bobcat athletics hosts annual golf tournament

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The Bobcat Classic Golf Tournament is one of two fundraisers the athletic department holds every year. The tournament has been successful in past years, and this year continued that success.

The tournament is always very profitable in terms of fundraising. The athletic department does not know the final number for this year's tournament yet, but their goal each year is to raise between \$20,000

to \$25,000 for the general fund, which is used for a variety of needs. Whether it be drainage at one of the fields or scholarship money for one of the sports, the money is put to good use. In addition to fundraising success, the event is also successful in the turnout.

"This golf tournament is crucial to the success of our athletic department each year," assistant athletic director Al Weston said. "The support from our sponsors, and those that come to enjoy the tournament itself each year help us supply the best possible student athlete experience for the



Photo courtesy of Angie Moryan

Athletic director Wendell Staton poses with a group of tournament participants.

best student athletes in the country."

Many different people participated in the Bobcat Classic Golf Tournament this year. From alumni to

student athletes, there was a diverse crowd at the Harbor Club at Lake Oconee, where the tournament was held. GC tennis coach and assistant athletic director

Steve Barsby was the facilitator of this event and saw all the different people attendees and participants in action.

"A lot of sponsors that are involved with the campus, alumni groups, a lot of guys that are friends of the university that know about it and play. I think we ended up having 37 teams so we had 148 people play, so it was great," Barsby said. "And they get to meet the student athletes and the coaches and see a little bit what Georgia College is about. We had the Chairman of the Foundation Board play in it and talk to everybody so

that was nice."

Like any event, the tournament has evolved over the years.

"We've moved it around a couple of courses. We played it at Harbor Club probably the last six to eight years. It started as 'Hey let's raise a little money for the Athletic Department,' it's gotten bigger, and some years it's bigger than others," Barsby said. "Stan Aldridge, our athletic director, started it and then when I came on as assistant [athletic director] we just kept it running and hopefully it will keep running for many more years."

GC wins PBC SAAC Challenge Award

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The Georgia College Student Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC) received the SAAC Challenge Award for the 2015-2016 school year within the Peach Belt.

The SAAC is made up of two to three student-athletes from each athletic team, 27 in total, and allows the athletes to voice opinions about their student-athlete experience, vote on NCAA regulations, organize service projects

and help get the athletes more involved in both sporting and non-sporting related events on campus.

“SAAC helps to bring a great voice for student-athletes on campus,” said Cayce Hamilton, president of SAAC. “As athletes we are normally just seen as one athletic body, and I think SAAC helps bring great opportunities for athletes to branch out and get involved in something outside of their sport.”

“Head coaches are responsible for nominating a few players who are looking for opportunities to branch outside of their

perspective teams, as well as individuals who they think would serve as great leaders,” said Gretchen Krumdieck, SAAC Advisor.



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President Cayce Hamilton (left) and vice president Cassidy Rice (right) lead the GC SAAC.

“I was elected by my coach after freshman year and fell in love with the committee and the people who help organize it,” Hamilton said, “I always

wanted to get into a leadership role, so I decided to run for President this year and was selected.”

The committee allows student-athletes to be involved in matters that directly affect them in addition to many service projects.

“Our biggest philanthropy project is [the] Make-A-Wish [Foundation],” said Cassidy Rice, SAAC vice president. “Our goal each year is to raise over eight-thousand dollars to grant a child a wish, and it really is just an awesome way for athletes to get together and try and

make a difference within the community.”

The committee received the SAAC Challenge Award for its reach outside of sports. SAAC Advisor Gretchen Krumdieck said that this award is a big deal for not only the committee, but GC athletics as a whole.

“We won the award because of our meeting attendance, student GPA, service products, and our involvement with Make A Wish,” Krumdieck said. “Our athletes are good in class and in their sport, and SAAC is a great way for them to use their athletic spotlight for a good cause.”

A day in the life of a sideline reporter

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You might think that sideline reporting is all about showing up and going from there, but that’s where most people get it wrong. Sideline reporting isn’t all that glamorous. It’s conducting interviews with coaches and players, putting countless hours of research into finding the stories so they can be prepared to report on it and it’s trying to wipe the sweat off your face to get ready to report after you’ve been running up and down the sideline trying to find your story.

I had the opportunity to shadow a mentor of mine during week three of college football in none other than Memorial Stadium, otherwise known as Death Valley. If you watch college football and you clicked over to the Clemson Tigers football game you may have seen

my mentor, Jenn Hildreth. Hildreth is a sideline reporter for ACC football on Fox Sports South.

Fridays are full of meetings with players and coaches such as Dabo Swinney. The meetings also include time with the crew where she meets with the broadcasters, producer and director for the game as well.

For 12 p.m. games, the day starts early. On Saturday, Hildreth was fortunate enough to have a salon do her hair and makeup, but in some cases it’s her job to do it all herself. Saturday started at 6:40 a.m. so she could be ready and at the stadium three hours before game time.

During those three hours before kickoff, you can find Hildreth and most sideline reporters down on the field observing players, talking to other coaches, making sure interviews are set with the SID and figuring out who to contact for injuries. It’s a lot to do before a game. The one hour I was



Photo courtesy of Jennifer Jacobs

Jennifer Jacobs stops to take a picture with her mentor, Jenn Hildreth.

on the field before kickoff felt like 10 minutes.

During the game, the sideline reporters are making notes of key plays, watching for key players and getting ready to report on any story. In this game, Clemson blew out South

Carolina State 59-0, which resulted in having a shortened second half. In blowouts like this, the producers won’t go down to the field for a story until Hildreth finds a story. She goes into the game prepared for stories and sometimes

even gets lucky enough to find old players that hold school records. In attendance at the Clemson game were former Clemson running back C.J. Spiller and former wide receiver Jacoby Ford, so she did a quick story with them on

the sideline.

I didn’t know what to expect from this experience, except to learn a lot, and I did. So next time you’re watching a football game, you’ll know how much work went into the reporting.



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Underneath the artsy exterior of Georgia College's acclaimed liberal arts reputation lies an athletic program big enough to rival even the largest of campus organizations – GC Rec Sports. This hidden gem of Bobcat athletics is tucked away in the West Campus intramural fields, a hub for nearly 2500 students last year alone. Geared toward both the athlete and non-athlete alike, Rec Sports seeks to build community and leadership skills outside of the arts

and education-based atmosphere of everyday campus life.

In an effort to highlight the many facets of athletics offered by Rec Sports, the "Off the RECOrd" column was created. With a focus on intramural and club teams, my goal through this column is to sit down with a variety of individuals involved with these organizations to fully capture the inclusive spirit of Rec Sports. So whether you are a die-hard athlete, a more casual competitor, or even the most athletically challenged of students, this column is for you.

As far as GC club sports go, there are none that offer more variety in sporting options and events than the Multisport Club. With emphasis primarily on running, biking and swimming, the Multisport Club is designed to train athletes to compete in triathlons and other long distance events. However, unlike some of the other sports clubs offered at GC, the Multisport Club does not require that its members have prior experience or even their own equipment in order to participate.

"It's a way for people that haven't done triathlons before to get into doing triathlons, but also the ones that do triathlons to train better and provide

options for them to do more races," said Claire Williams, the club's vice president.

Despite the difficulty of competing in races like the Ironman triathlon – a 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike ride, and 26.2-mile run – beginners are encouraged to join and start off small with local 5K races.

"We welcome people of all sorts of physical abilities in our club and just want to promote wellness, and activity on the Georgia College campus," said Samuel Archbold, the club's president.

While the leaders of the club understand the commitment and hard work



Photo courtesy of Samuel Archbold

Williams and Archbold compete in the West Point Lake Triathlon.



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Members of the Multisport Club bike in a race.

that it takes to accomplish long-distance events, they believe that with proper training everyone is capable of achieving that goal.

"I think anyone on this campus could reach the physical capability to do a sprint triathlon within at least two years," Williams said. "For most people it would be easy within a semester."

In the past, several of the individual members of the club have competed on the regional and national levels, consistently placing in each race. But even though the Multisport Club was established over five years ago, it is still in the developmental stages as the leaders continue to look for new members to expand the program.

"We just want to

get the name of the sport out there," Archbold said. "When it comes to health, swimming, biking and running are some of the best things for cardiovascular health."

But the club does more than just train.

Apart from race day preparation and goal-oriented exercises, the Multisport Club focuses on building a sense of inclusion and community throughout the GC campus.

"We don't really care about medals and trophies," Archbold said. "We just want people to learn about the sport, promote their general health, and promote their general well-being and fitness all around."

UP NEXT...

FRIDAY, SEPT. 30

Bobcat Tennis
Men and Women at ITA
Southeast Regionals

**Bobcat Women's
Volleyball**
vs. UNC Pembroke
7 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCT. 1

Bobcat Tennis
Men and Women
at ITA Southeast
Regionals

**Bobcat Women's
Soccer**
at Auburn-Montgomery
3 p.m.

**Bobcat Women's
Volleyball**
vs. Francis Marion
2 p.m.

Storytime in The Nest

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Once a month, Georgia College's literary journal, "The Peacock's Feet," hosts an event called Red Earth Readings, which gives local authors and performers a chance to share their work with an audience in The Nest in Blackbird. Each Red Earth Reading has a literary theme. This week, the theme was fiction pieces.

There were four performers: three readers and one musical guest. Each performer got on stage and presented their work to a gracious, and attentive audience. One of the readers, Dillon Johnstone, felt that reading at this event was a no-brainer.

"I mean, 'The Peacock's

Feet' is dope. I don't understand why anyone wouldn't want to read here," said Johnstone.

The musical guest, Lindsey Moon, a music therapy major and sophomore, did not think the choice to perform was as casual as Johnstone did.

"I just changed my major to music therapy and I really have been forcing myself to perform in front of people, so that's why I came tonight," Moon said. "I definitely felt more comfortable and the audience was so welcoming."

The audience was indeed very welcoming and also large. The whole of Blackbird's nest was packed with eager listeners. Marykate Malena, "The Peacock's Feet" editor-in-chief, was "pleasantly

surprised" at the turnout.

"There were three times as many people as I was expecting. There were so much more people than last year," Malena said. "The readings really help 'The Peacock's Feet' to become a living, breathing thing rather than just a publication. We're featuring local authors and giving them a medium to express themselves."

Emily Rautmann, history major and junior, was one of the many people in the audience who admired the performers.

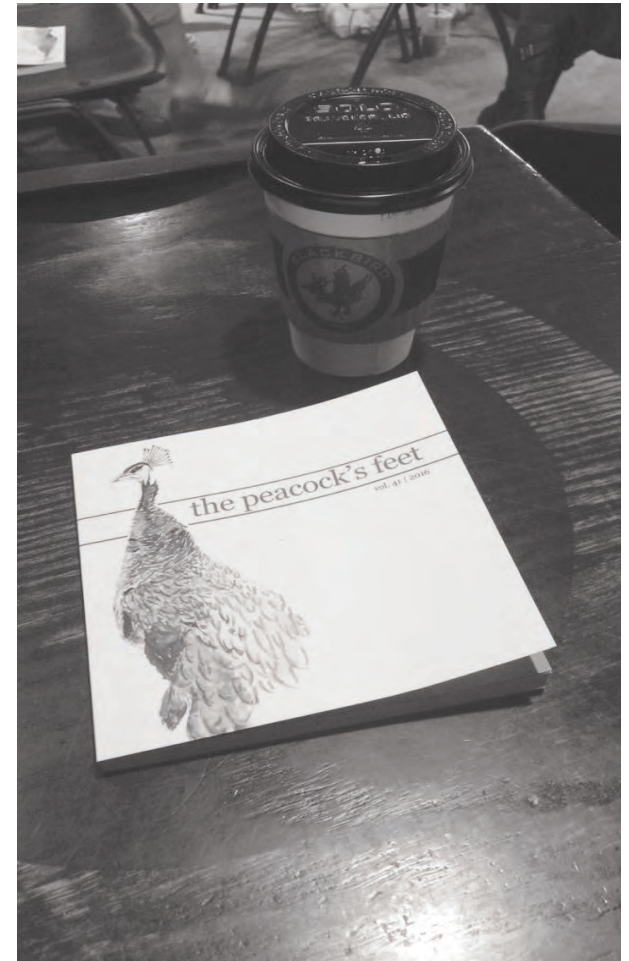
"I thought the performers were so brave to share a private part of themselves with us. [It was brave] to even put that part down on paper," said Rautmann.

"The Peacock's Feet" gets the word out about

these readings by posting on their Facebook page and by word-of-mouth. While getting an audience to show up is not very difficult, finding readers is a whole other story.

"The hardest part of planning Red Earth Readings is finding readers," said Lizzie Perrin, the Red Earth Readings Chair. "We post on Facebook and have our editors put out feelers for readers, and it always works out in the end."

The next Red Earth Reading will be poetry-themed and will be held in The Nest of Blackbird on Oct 18. If you're interested in reading or performing at the next Red Earth Reading, please send an email to peacocksfeet@gmail.com.



Emily Hinely/ Staff photographer

The Peacock's Feet hosted student writers at Red Earth Readings.

Wisdom by word-of-mouth

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Dozens of melancholy youths congregated underneath Blackbird's quiet upstairs, the majority of them sipping iced coffees and leafing through handwritten notebooks as rap music blasted and

introductions were made.

The occasion was Poetry Jams, hosted by Art as an Agent for Change on Sept. 21, and the theme was social justice. All guests were invited to write a change they wished to see in the world on a blue post-it and attach it to the wall behind the mic.

The night was described as a "completely safe space to express thoughts and emotions," said Emily Sosbee, president of Art as Agent for Change.

The first reader, Caroline Oleson, braved the stage for the first time and delivered a staggering piece titled "Words" about the injustices and expectations women are supposed to uphold.

"I stand up for myself, my gender, while being subjected by words," the poem begins. It ends with the sentiment, "my behavior is corrected by words, I'm just trying to be respected by words." Her performance was met by snaps and murmurs of approval all around.

In between presentations, the hostess paused to read from the variety of blue post-it notes stuck to the wall behind her. These small improvements and changes people wished to see in the world added on an element of both inspiration and comic relief. Among these phrases are things like "end violence among marginalized groups" and "F*** Donald Trump," each getting its own hearty snap of approval.

The variety of poems read covered everything from overcoming fears of a metaphorical demon dog to heartbreak, from drowning to continuing to carry on even when life becomes incredibly difficult. The

poems were deeply moving in a way that things simply read online or in a book cannot be, because each poet was brave enough to give a piece of their soul to the audience.

Matthew Hood, a junior, said that he writes as a way to process emotions.

"I believe in truly relishing in any ugly and destructive thought, processing it and turning it into something beautiful," he said of his poem, "Drown."

Cooper Drake, a sophomore at GC, said that "ascendancy isn't cheap, to get up you got to leap" in his poem, "I'll Read You Poetry."

Emily Sosbee, sophomore, delivered a

heart-wrenching piece about carrying on through the bad times.

"Just because trees have roots doesn't mean the wind still doesn't shake them," Sosbee said.

Although audience members not participating in the reading were scarce, those who attended were immensely glad they did. Poetry Jams are held every third Wednesday night in the basement of Blackbird and all are welcome to share their work.

"It's so refreshing to see this degree of raw, positive emotion flow," sophomore Callie Mckee said. "Poetry is totally underrated."



Photo courtesy of Leslie Peterson

Art as an Agent for Change hosts Poetry Jams.

Not so quiet at the library

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For the past 23 years, Milledgeville residents have gathered at the Mary Vinson Memorial Library for the annual library fair held every fall. This event draws crowds of all ages to promote not only library traffic, but local businesses as well.

Local restaurants such as The Brick and Metropolis Café catered to the crowds of hungry fairgoers, braving the atypical late September heat to fill stomachs and promote business. The inside of the library hosted an array of children's activities, such as the "Midway Games"

section on the top floor, which held carnival games and an impressively large bouncy house surrounded by shelves of books. For parents, the fair is the perfect opportunity to occupy kids in a more engaging setting than in front of a television screen.

"We come every year since my wife helps out at the library," said Edwin Hopkins, Milledgeville resident.

Like Hopkins, countless other families attended the fair for the kid-friendly activities, including a magic show later on in the day. Included in the indoor festivities held throughout the day was a pop up consignment shop on the

bottom floor of the library. Second hand items ranging from kitchenware to children's coloring boards had been donated by locals, with the proceeds going to the benefit of the library.

Held in the parking lot of the library was a used book sale, where fairgoers could find thousands of books of all genres, including valuable textbooks for students, for a bargain of a deal. Multiple students could be found wandering the aisles and making the most of the sales, digging through boxes and picking up books left and right.

"I love reading and found out about this by chance last year," said Jonathon Roberts, sophomore. "I



came pretty late to the fair and I didn't find a lot [of books], so I'm excited to get more this year."

Fair goers could also enjoy live music by local bands and artists while browsing the wide

selection of books, creating a relaxing atmosphere for both buyers and those who simply wanted to enjoy the show. While the fair is a fun annual event for the surrounding community, it is also vital for the library in raising funds to keep it running and thriving.

Through ticket sales from the indoor carnival games, outdoor book sales and consignment shop sales, the library is benefiting hugely. To learn

more about upcoming events at the library and how to volunteer at the next library fair, visit tllsga.org for more information.

"We had a huge turnout this year and made quite a bit of money that will be used to help the library grow, which in turn affects the community immensely," said Kristin Higgenbotham, a member of the library staff and junior.

Banned Books Week 2016

September 25 - October 1

Here are the top ten banned, challenged, or censored classic books. How many have you read?

1. To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee
2. Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone by JK Rowling
3. 1984 by George Orwell
4. Animal Farm by George Orwell
5. Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury
6. The Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank
7. The Catcher in the Rye by JD Salinger
8. The Giver by Lois Lowry
9. Brave New World by Aldous Huxley
10. A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle



Tori Gleeson / Staff Photographer

Milledgeville locals gather at the Mary Vinson Memorial Library for a day of books, music and entertainment.

Art-to-Art Talks

with Mary Kate Conner

This week, the A&E section has a literary theme. We've met poets and fiction writers and librarians - those who keep a love of the written word alive in Milledgeville. One such bibliophile is Marykate Malena, the editor-in-chief at GC's literary and creative arts journal, "The Peacock's Feet." Malena, a senior English literature major, grew up with a passion for the written word.

"I've been reading my whole life. It was always something that was really important to me," Malena said. "But I didn't really consider it something I would pursue in my studies or as a career until I got to high school and I had a really good English teacher - all English majors seem to have one."

When she got to GC, The Peacock's Feet was one of the first organizations Malena got involved with. When the time came to select a new editor-in-chief, Malena took a big step forward and got the job. Now leading a new staff of fellow lit lovers, Malena enjoys the weight of the legacy associated with the journal.

"The journal itself is so

connected with the English Department, it really feels like I'm part of something that is always going to always be a part of Georgia College," Malena said. "I'm really happy I get to be at the helm of that."

The Peacock's Feet held their first Red Earth Readings event of the year (see page #). Malena stated that, on a basic level, these events are a soft advertisement for the upcoming edition of the journal, but more importantly, they are a unique medium for sharing student work. Malena believes that sharing literature aloud has a different impression than the written word itself.

"With sharing out loud I think you're able to put a little bit more of yourself into the reading," Malena said. "There was this one reader we had last night and I really enjoyed his story, but what I liked most was his storytelling. I just thought it really brought me into his writing in a way I might not have gotten before."

Following the success of the first event of the year, Malena believes the future of the journal is looking

bright. She hopes it will encourage more people to submit their work to her eager team of editors.

"Every year it grows and grows, and kind of becomes this living breathing thing that we get to take care of. I like being a part of taking care of something like that," Malena said.

After graduating in May, Malena hopes to go into work in the publishing industry. Malena believes that literature itself plays a pivotal role in our lives and within our society.

"I think it's the purest way for people to share their perspective with other people," said Malena. "I think you can never produce writing that isn't an image of some truth inside yourself. It's the best way to kind of perpetuate empathy and be able to understand other people better and understand the world better."

If you are interested in submitting your work to "The Peacock's Feet," they will be accepting submissions through Dec.

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Mary Kate Conner/ Staff Photographer

Marykate Malena works to maintain the legacy of creative arts journal, "The Peacock's Feet."

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Q In the midst of the Presidential Debate, what has been your favorite part so thus far?



“I feel like this debate is really historical so I wanted to be sure to watch it. I am also really looking forward to it because there’s been a dramatic build up to this all year.”

- Megan Tanner, sociology major, freshman



“I wanna see Donald Trump yell at Hillary more and definitely see how she continues to react to his comments.”

- Justin Markowitz, philosophy major, sophomore



“I’m looking to get more insight as to what their stances are on different policies.”

- Tavaris Johnson, sociology major, junior



“I’m really interested to see how the candidates continue to respond to each other and how prepared they are.”

- Maria Bermudez, history and philosophy major, junior



“I don’t really follow politics and this is the first thing I’m watching and there’s been a lot of talk about it so I’m really just here to see what it’s all about.”

- Aidan Falchook, business management major, sophomore



“I just think it’s a really interesting debate because I never expected Donald trump to be a legit candidate and it’s very entertaining.”

- Noah Prince, freshman

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